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Attached is an English language translation of paragraphs 0009-0014 and 0038-0039 and Figures 2 and 4 of Japanese Patent Application Laid-open No. H08-194425.

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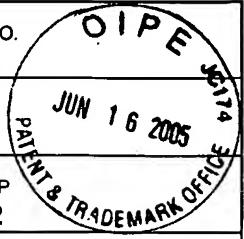
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## U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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		<b>5,410,393</b>	<b>04/25/1995</b>	<b>Watanabe</b>	<b>355</b>	<b>273</b>	

## FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION YES/NO/ OR ABSTRACT
		<b>5-224541</b>	<b>09/03/1993</b>	<b>Japan</b>			<b>Abstract</b>
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## OTHER DOCUMENT(S) (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

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